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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News gives preliminary estimates from Idaho's 2009 Mink Production Report. Total production and number of mink are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Pelt Production up 10 Percent

Mink pelt production in Idaho in 2009 totaled 251,500 pelts, up 10 percent from 2008. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total Idaho production in 2009 is as follows: Black at 43 percent, Mahogany at 43 percent, Demi/Wild at 5 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 5 percent. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 61,000, up 6 percent from the previous year.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2009 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 1 percent from 2008. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 886,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 613,500 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. production in 2009 is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 23 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent,

Demi/Wild at 4 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 7 percent. Mink pelts produced during the 2009 crop year were valued at \$186 million, up 58 percent from \$117 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2009 crop year was \$65.10, up \$23.50 from \$41.60 in 2008. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 670,200, down 1 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2010 by color class is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, Sapphire at 5 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8 percent. There were 278 mink farms producing pelts in 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms, 2009

States	Black	Demi/Wild	Pastel	Sapphire	Blue Iris	Mahogany
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Idaho	107,000	13,500	3,400	9,500		108,000
Illinois	56,000				6,500	
Iowa	79,000					3,400
Michigan	29,000					80,000
Minnesota	88,000	35,000			55,000	
Montana						21,000
Ohio	36,000					
Oregon	158,000			11,000	79,000	
Pennsylvania	28,000			5,500	11,000	
South Dakota						
Utah	225,000	37,000			7,500	285,000
Washington	69,000					
Wisconsin	585,000			55,000	97,000	97,000
Oth Sts 1/	34,500	38,400	52,800	23,400	26,400	69,100
US	1,494,500	123,900	56,200	104,400	282,400	663,500

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Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms, 2009 (continued)

State	Pearl	Lavender	Violet	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Idaho						251,500	
Illinois						71,100	
Iowa						114,800	
Michigan				5,500		45,300	
Minnesota				6,000		267,200	
Montana						22,500	
Ohio						67,900	
Oregon						270,100	
Pennsylvania						57,300	
South Dakota						81,500	
Utah						613,500	
Washington						93,500	
Wisconsin		3,300		24,000	4,100	886,100	
Oth Sts 1/	57,100	1,100	14,500	13,300	1,900	13,400	
US	57,100	4,400	14,500	48,800	6,000	2,855,700	278

1/ 'Other States' include some pelts from the above listed States which were not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Published color classes may not add to the State total.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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